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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
 Eric MARECHAL, et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
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 FOR: SCREENING METHOD INVOLVING MGDG SYNTHASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 28 with the following:

- figure 2 is a comparison of spinach, cucumber and Arabidopsis MGDG synthase; figure 2A corresponds to a comparison of the amino acid sequences deduced from the cDNAs encoding the various MGDG synthases; in this figure, atMGD A (SEQ ID No. 10) and atMGD B (SEQ ID No. 11) correspond to sequences derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, csMGD A (SEQ ID No. 9) corresponds to a sequence derived from *Cucumis sativa* and soMGD A (SEQ ID No. 8) corresponds to a sequence derived from *Spinacia oleracea*. \* and : represent symbols for the identical amino acids and the conserved substitutions, respectively; h1 to h7 correspond to 7 putative  $\alpha$ -helices; figure 2B represents a phylogenic tree of mature MGDG synthases;

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